THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

March 1, 1961

Dear Dr. Lederberg:

The President has indicated his desire to continue the President's Science Advisory Committee as presently constituted, and I am writing in the hope that you will serve the Committee and this office as a consultant in the new Administration.

With science and technology assuming ever-increasing importance in the affairs of the nation, I fully expect that our opportunities and responsibilities for providing sound advice on the critical and emerging problems of national significance in this vital area will grow in importance in the future.

I would appreciate hearing from you as to your availability and willingness to devote the necessary time to consultant activities with the Science Advisory Committee, and I look forward to our association.

Sincerely yours,

Dr. Joshua Lederberg School of Medicine Stanford University Palo Alto, California

> P.S. I am trying to find the time to auswer your thoughtful letter about the peaceful usos of military facturalogy.